

# Ten Ways Homeowners Can Improve the Quality of Stormwater Runoff

**1. Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch to stop them from being transported in stormwater. Plant grass where soil is exposed.**



**2. Sweep your sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down.**

**3. Put leaves and grass clippings in the compost, on the garden as mulch, or mow back into the lawn to recycle nutrients.**

**4. Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.**



**5. Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.**

**6. Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks - better yet, walk.**

**7. Wash your vehicle on grass or over gravel. Use as little detergent as you can and pour any left over soapy water onto the lawn.**

**8. Dispose of household hazardous waste according to the label directions.**

**9. Clean up pet waste - bury it or flush it down the toilet.**

**10. Never dump anything down storm drains! Water from these drains flows untreated to the river.**

